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SUBJECT: EVENING PRESS SUMMARY, NOVEMBER 22

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AP -- NO BYLINE FROM BRASILIA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH BRAZILIAN
OFFICIALS TUESDAY ON NUCLEAR AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES THAT
HAVE BECOME MAJOR POINTS OF CONTENTION IN US-BRAZILIAN
RELATIONS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- OFFICIALS ON AIR FORCE ONE SAID THEY HOPEFUL OF PROGRESS

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IN AT LEAST ONE AREA OF DISAGREEMENT IN NON-PROLIFERATION
FIELD. SAID US NO LONGER INFLEXIBLY OPPOSED TO BRAZIL'S
PLANS TO BUY GERMAN ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY, SAID SAFEGUARDS
EXIST WHICH COULD BE USED TO PREVENT DIVERSION OF ENRICHED
URANIUM FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

-- NO SIGN OF ANY SOFTENING OF US OPPOSITION TO BRAZILIAN

ACQUISITION OF REPROCESSING FACILITIES. OFFICIALS SAID NO SAFEGUARDS EXIST TO PREVENT REPROCESSED FUEL FROM BEING USED FOR WEAPONS.

-- ON HUMAN RIGHTS, BRAZIL HAS BEEN AMONG MOST OUTSPOKEN CRITICS OF ADMINISTRATION POLICIES, HAVING REJECTED FMS CREDITS EARLIER THIS YEAR AND SUSPENDED A NUMBER OF LONG-STANDING MILITARY COOPERATION ACCORDS.

-- ONLY OTHER ISSUE ON AGENDA WAS PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCES.

UPI -- GUY GUGLIOTTA FROM BRASILIA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE ARRIVED IN BRAZIL TUESDAY TO DISCUSS 'ISSUES OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE,' BUT LITTLE PROGRESS WAS EXPECTED ON PROBLEMS THAT HAVE STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN HEMISPHERE'S TWO MOST POPULOUS NATIONS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE MET BY SILVEIRA, EXPECTED TO MEET WITH HIM AND PAY COURTESY CALL ON GEISEL.

-- IN SHORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT, VANCE PRAISED SINCERITY, FRANKNESS AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS BEEN HALLMARK OF HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIONS WITH SILVEIRA. SAID ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDED NON-PROLIFERATION, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND ECONOMIC MATTERS.

-- DURING PAST YEAR, BRAZIL HAS ABROGATED SERIES OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS TO SHOW IRRITATION OVER ADMINISTRATION'S NUCLEAR AND HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES.

-- SOURCE CLOSE TO VANCE PARTY SAID MAIN PURPOSE OF MEETINGS ON NUCLEAR POLICY WITH SILVEIRA WAS TO OPEN CONVERSATIONS IN PREPARATION FOR DISCUSSIONS WHEN PRESIDENT VISITS BRAZIL. "CARTER IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT BRAZIL IN MARCH."

-- CARTER ADMIN HAS OPPOSED BRAZILIAN-GERMAN NUCLEAR DEAL. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID BRAZIL PREPARED DISCUSS NUCLEAR ISSUES, BUT ONLY WITH "UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO DAMAGE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN ACCORD."

-- VANCE OBTAINED FROM ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT PROMISE TO RATIFY TREATY PROHIBITING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IN LATIN AMERICA, BUT SIMILAR ACTION NOT EXPECTED IN BRAZIL.

-- SOURCE ALSO SAID VANCE WOULD DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS WITH SILVEIRA TO SEE IF TWO NATIONS "CAN ACHIEVE GREATER COMMON INTEREST." US BACKS INTER-AMERICAN HRC; BRAZIL REGARDS ENTIRE QUESTION AS DOMESTIC MATTER.

REUTERS -- DAVID CEMLYN-JONES FROM BRASILIA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE ARRIVED HERE TODAY FOR DELICATE DISCUSSIONS WITH BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES ON SUBJECTS THAT HAVE STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE LOOKED FORWARD TO DISCUSSING QUESTIONS OF GREAT UNCLASSIFIED

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SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE, INCLUDING NON-PROLIFERATION, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC MATTERS. SAID TALKS WOULD BE HELD WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF 1976 MOU, WHICH CALLS FOR THRICE YEARLY CONSULTATIONS.

-- STRAINS IN US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS STEM IN PART FROM AMERICAN ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK WEST GERMAN NUKE DEAL. ADMINISTRATION ALSO HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN BRAZIL. THESE MOVES LED BRAZIL TO CANCEL 25-YEAR-OLD MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LAST MARCH.

-- GEISEL HAS STRIVED TO END TORTURE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS BY SECURITY POLICE AND US DIPLOMATIC SOURCES ADMIT THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS. BRAZIL CONSIDERS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AN INTERNAL AFFAIR.

-- DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS FORESEE NO MAJOR BREAKTHROUGHS DURING VANCE VISIT, BUT HOPE DISCUSSIONS WILL LAY GROUNDWORK FOR CARTER VISIT NEXT YEAR.

-- ON LEAVING ARGENTINA, VANCE SAID HE HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN A NUMBER OF AREAS WITH ARGENTINIANS. SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH ARGENTINA'S DECISION TO SUPPORT WORK OF INTER-AMERICAN HRC.

-- ARGENTINA ALSO ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO RATIFY TLATELOLCO TREATY.

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CBS EVENING NEWS

WALTER CRONKITE: "SECSTATE VANCE HAS FLOWN FROM ARGENTINA UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BRAZIL ON THE SECOND LEG OF HIS SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP.

IN ARGENTINA, VANCE SAID HE MADE GOOD PROGRESS ON NUCLEAR ISSUES. THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AGREED TO RATIFY A TREATY TO KEEP LATIN AMERICA FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. BUT NO MAJOR PROGRESS WAS INDICATED ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THE UNITED STATES HAS CUT MILITARY AID TO BUENOS AIRES BECAUSE OF REPORTED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

NBC AND ABC CARRIED NO COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S TRIP.
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